

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference in which an
5 amount of electromagnetic interference from an LSI is analyzed, wherein said
method includes:

an equivalent power source current information calculating step of
calculating information of an equivalent power source current flowing in a
power source current, from circuit information of said LSI chip;

10 an estimating step of considering at least one of power source
information of a power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip, package
information of a package for said semiconductor chip, and measurement system
information of a measurement system for measuring characteristics of said
semiconductor chip, as analysis control information, and of estimating total
15 information in which said analysis control information is reflected in said
circuit information, as an equivalent circuit; and

a total information analyzing step of performing analysis in accordance
with said total information which is estimated in said estimating step.

20 2. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim
1, wherein said estimating step is a step of calculating a total impedance by
adding said analysis control information to said circuit information, and of
outputting said calculated total impedance as total information to said total
information analyzing step.

25 3. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim
1, wherein said analysis control information includes: said power source
information of said power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip; and

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at least one of said package information of said package for said semiconductor chip, and said measurement system information of said measurement system for measuring characteristics of said semiconductor chip.

5 4. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 1, wherein said analysis control information includes: said power source information of said power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip; said package information of said package for said semiconductor chip; and said measurement system information of said measurement system for measuring
10 characteristics of said semiconductor chip.

15 5. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 1, wherein said total information analyzing step is a simulation step of performing a simulation by adding said equivalent power source current information to said total information.

20 6. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 1, wherein said total information analyzing step includes: a step of obtaining corrected equivalent power source current information in which said equivalent power source current is corrected by reflecting said total information; and a frequency spectrum calculating step of calculating a frequency spectrum of said corrected equivalent power source current information.

25 7. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 1, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step includes a frequency spectrum calculating step of calculating a frequency spectrum.

8. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 1, wherein said total information analyzing step is a step of obtaining a correction function for correcting said equivalent power source current information, from said total information, and of calculating said equivalent power source current information by using said correction function.

9. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step includes:

- 10 a step of calculating an instantaneous current amount in consideration of: event information which is generated at occurrence of a change of a signal, and which includes instance names of cells of said LSI chip that is an object of the occurrence, a name of the signal, an occurrence time, and transition information; and said total information which is estimated in said estimating step; and
- 15 a modeling step of modeling said instantaneous current amount in accordance with a predetermined rule.

10. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 9, wherein said modeling step is a step of accumulating current waveforms each having a Japanese chess piece-like shape.

11. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 5, wherein said simulation step includes a step of synchronizing with said equivalent power source current information calculating step.

12. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 5, wherein said simulation step includes a step of repeatedly performing

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a simulation in synchronization with a timing of adding information to said equivalent power source current information.

13. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to
5 claim 5, wherein said simulation step includes a step of reading said equivalent power source current information at predetermined intervals.

14. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to
claim 6, wherein said frequency spectrum calculating step includes a collapsing
10 step of collapsing said corrected equivalent power source current information at predetermined intervals.

15. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to
claim 14, wherein, in said collapsing step, sets of said corrected equivalent
15 power source current information at predetermined intervals are averaged or maximized in time sequence.

16. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step is a library accumulating step of calculating accumulation of library information which is equivalent power source current information of each portion of said current information that is previously calculated.

17. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to
25 claim 16, wherein said library information is a function or a table of one of input signal information and output signal information of each portion of said current information, and an output capacitance.

18. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to
claim 16, wherein said library information is information of a portion which is
obtained by dividing said circuit information into one or more parts, i.e., a clock
synchronous part which is synchronized with a clock, and a clock asynchronous
5 part which is not synchronized with said clock.

19. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to
claim 18, wherein said clock synchronous part is a flip-flop, a clock buffer, or a
synchronous memory.

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20. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to
claim 16, wherein said library accumulating step includes a step of, from said
circuit information, analogizing which portion of said circuit information
corresponds to a library.

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21. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any
one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said equivalent power source current information
calculating step includes a calculation method determining step of selecting one
of a high-speed equivalent power source current information calculating
20 method and an accurate equivalent power source current information calculating
method, based on partial circuit information of said circuit
information.

22. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any
25 one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said equivalent power source current information
calculating step includes a differential power source current calculating step of,
based on a difference of said circuit information with respect to equivalent
power source current information which has been already analyzed, calculating

power source current information of said difference only.

23. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said method further includes an analysis 5 information displaying step of displaying a result obtained in said total information analyzing step, as analysis information.

24. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said method further includes an optimizing step 10 of optimizing said circuit information so as to reduce electromagnetic interference, based on a result obtained in said total information analyzing step.

25. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 24, wherein said method further includes an optimized information 15 displaying step of displaying circuit information obtained in said optimizing step, as optimized information.

26. An apparatus for analyzing electromagnetic interference in which an 20 amount of electromagnetic interference from an LSI is analyzed, wherein said apparatus includes:

equivalent power source current information calculating means for calculating information of an equivalent power source current flowing in a power source current, from circuit information of said LSI chip;

25 estimating means for considering at least one of power source information of a power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip, package information of a package for said semiconductor chip, and measurement system information of a measurement system for measuring characteristics of said

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- semiconductor chip, as analysis control information, and for estimating total information in which said analysis control information is reflected in said circuit information, as an equivalent circuit; and
- total information analyzing means for performing analysis in accordance
5 with said total information which is estimated in said estimating means.

27. An apparatus for analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 26, wherein said estimating means calculates a total impedance by adding said analysis control information to said circuit information, and
10 outputs said calculated total impedance as total information to said total information-analyzing means.

28. An apparatus for analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 26 or 27, wherein said total information analyzing means is simulation
15 means for performing a simulation by adding said equivalent power source current information to said total information.